

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place the present application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action. More specifically, in the outstanding Office Action claims 6, 8, 10, 17-19, and 22 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that indication of the allowable subject matter. Claims 3-5, 7, 9, 11, 13-16, 20, 21, and 24-27 were previously rejected.

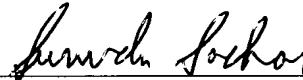
By the present response each of previously rejected claims 3-5, 7, 9, 11, 13-16, 20, 21, and 24-27 is herein canceled without prejudice.

Further, each of claims 6, 8, 10, 17, and 22 is herein amended to rewritten in independent form; claims 18 and 19 are dependent claims that depend from now independent claim 17. Therefore, by the present amendment the only claims currently pending are now allowable claims 6, 8, 10, 17-19 and 22, those claims having been herein amended to be rewritten in independent form. Thereby, currently pending claims 6, 8, 10, 17-19 and 22 are believed to be allowable.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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